

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Final Office Action dated June 9m 2009. Reconsideration and allowance of the application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3 and 6-36 are pending in this application.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 12-21 and 25-30 are allowable if amended to overcome the objections to the claims. Applicants have amended the claims to overcome the objections to the claims. Accordingly, consideration and allowance of claims 12-21 and 25-30 is respectfully requested.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 5 and 33-34 are allowed if rewritten in impendent form.

Applicant has elected to cancel claim 5 without prejudice. The subject matter indicated as allowable in claim 5 is incorporated herein into independent claim 1. Accordingly, consideration and allowance of claim 1 is respectfully requested. Further, claims 2-3, 22, 33 and 34 depend from claim 1 and are allowable for at least this reason as well as for the separately patentable elements contained therein. Accordingly, it is

respectfully requested that claims 2-3, 22, 33 and 34 also be allowed. A continuation application and preliminary amendment, directed to the subject matter covered by the cancelled claims will be filed to continue the prosecution of the canceled claims after receipt of a Notice of Allowance.

Based on the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-3 and 6-36 are allowable and an indication to that effect is respectfully requested.

In addition, Applicants deny any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicants reserve the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

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Applicants have made a diligent and sincere effort to place this application in condition for immediate allowance and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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